

Study Guide “The Door to More 2” 1-13-2019

Key Scriptures: “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18

2 Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Psalms 103:11-12 “For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

John 20:21 “So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’”

Revelation 3:20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

Start Talking:

Share any New Year’s Resolutions that you made. Do you normally keep them?

Knowing that your body will eventually give out here on earth, how do you view keeping it healthy? Does 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 affect your attitude?

(1 Corinthians 3:16-17, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.” Where do you fit between being a fanatic about the health of your body and not caring at all? Share.

Do you consciously and deliberately consider God’s perspective when it comes to financial decisions and planning? Do you know God’s perspective? Share some scriptures about managing money.

Start Thinking:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-10. Do these verses scare you, or are you confident of being rescued from it?

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If verse 10 does not refer to “sin”, what is “bad” referring to? (“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”)

Start Sharing:

Share the degree of comfort you receive from Psalm 103:11-12. (“For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.”)

In John 20:21, Jesus said, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” Are you at peace with where God wants to send you in this life? Do you know where this is? Name some ways people find out where God wants them. Discuss.

Pastor Jason said, “Jesus did not come to offer the world safety.” Share your opinion about where this world is headed, and God’s plan to rescue it or not rescue it.

Start Praying:

“Lord, help us to enter in to and live within Your perfect love - the place where fear has been driven out. Encourage us to open the door to You and to be ready for wherever You direct us to go. We want more, but not more of the world. We want to know You more and to do more of your will. Inspire us daily.”

Start Doing:

Individually, discuss the four points underlined above in 1 John 4:18. What is your group’s conclusion?

Has FEAR kept you from having “more” in your Christian walk? Share and pray for one another to open the door to God. (“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” Revelation 3:20)